

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 2 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohtake et al. (U.S. 5,384,658) in view of Kojima et al. (U.S. 5,377,084). Claims 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohtake et al. in view of Kojima et al. as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Takase et al. (U.S. 5,276,600).

Claims 11-20 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections set forth in the outstanding Office Action. Claims 3-5 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Drawings

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-10 and has amended claims 11, 15 and 16 to obviate the objections set forth in the outstanding Office Action. It is believed that the amended claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Since claims 11-20 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action, no detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is believed to be necessary.

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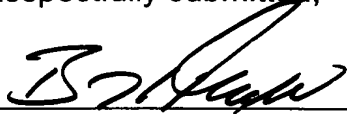
Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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